## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. A composition comprising a cyclodextrin and a glycopeptide antibiotic, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
  - 2. The composition of claim 1 which further comprises water.
  - 3. The composition of claim 1 which is a powder.
  - 4. The composition of claim 1 which is a lyophilized powder.
- 5. A pharmaceutical composition comprising an aqueous cyclodextrin carrier and a therapeutically effective amount of a glycopeptide antibiotic, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 6. The pharmaceutical composition of Claim 5, wherein the pharmaceutical composition comprises:
  - (a) a therapeutically effective amount of a glycopeptide antibiotic, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;
  - (b) 1 to 40 weight percent of a cyclodextrin; and
  - (c) 60 to 99 weight percent of water, provided that the components of the composition total 100 weight percent.
- 7. The pharmaceutical composition of Claim 5, wherein the cyclodextrin is hydroxypropyl-β-cyclodextrin or sulfobutyl ether β-cyclodextrin.
- 8. The pharmaceutical composition of Claim 7, wherein the cyclodextrin is hydroxypropyl-β-cyclodextrin.

- 9. The pharmaceutical composition of Claim 6, wherein the cyclodextrin comprises about 5 to 35 weight percent of the composition.
- 10. The pharmaceutical composition of Claim 9, wherein the cyclodextrin comprises about 10 to 30 weight percent of the composition.
- 11. The pharmaceutical composition of Claim 6, wherein the glycopeptide antibiotic is a lipidated glycopeptide antibiotic.
- 12. The pharmaceutical composition of Claim 1, wherein the glycopeptide antibiotic is a compound of formula I:

wherein:

R<sup>1</sup> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, substituted cycloalkenyl, aryl, heterocyclic and

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 $-R^a-Y-R^b-(Z)_x$ ; or  $R^1$  is a saccharide group optionally substituted with

$$-R^{a}-Y-R^{b}-(Z)_{x}$$
,  $R^{f}$ ,  $-C(O)R^{f}$ , or  $-C(O)-R^{a}-Y-R^{b}-(Z)_{x}$ ;

R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen or a saccharide group optionally substituted with

$$-R^{a}-Y-R^{b}-(Z)_{x}$$
,  $R^{f}$ ,  $-C(O)R^{f}$ , or  $-C(O)-R^{a}-Y-R^{b}-(Z)_{x}$ ;

 $R^3$  is  $-OR^c$ ,  $-NR^cR^c$ ,  $-O-R^a-Y-R^b-(Z)_x$ ,  $-NR^c-R^a-Y-R^b-(Z)_x$ ,  $-NR^cR^e$ , or  $-O-R^e$ ; or  $R^3$  is a nitrogen-linked, oxygen-linked, or sulfur-linked substituent that comprises one or more phosphono groups;

 $R^4$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl,  $-R^a-Y-R^b-(Z)_x$ ,  $-C(O)R^d$  and a saccharide group optionally substituted with  $-R^a-Y-R^b-(Z)_x$ ,  $R^f$ ,  $-C(O)R^f$ , or  $-C(O)-R^a-Y-R^b-(Z)_x$ ;

 $R^5$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo,  $-CH(R^c)-NR^cR^c$ ,  $-CH(R^c)-NR^cR^e$ ,  $-CH(R^c)-NR^c-R^a-Y-R^b-(Z)_x$ ,  $-CH(R^c)-R^x$ ,

 $-CH(R^c)-NR^c-R^a-C(=O)-R^x$ , and a substituent that comprises one or more phosphono groups;

 $R^6$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkynyl,  $-R^a-Y-R^b-(Z)_x$ ,  $-C(O)R^d$  and a saccharide group optionally substituted with  $-NR^c-R^a-Y-R^b-(Z)_x$ , or  $R^5$  and  $R^6$  can be joined, together with the atoms to which they are attached, form a heterocyclic ring optionally substituted with  $-NR^c-R^a-Y-R^b-(Z)_x$ ;

 $R^7$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkynyl,  $-R^a-Y-R^b-(Z)_x$ , and  $-C(O)R^d$ ;

R<sup>8</sup> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, substituted cycloalkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic;

R<sup>9</sup> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, substituted cycloalkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic;

R<sup>10</sup> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, substituted cycloalkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic; or R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>10</sup> are joined to form -Ar<sup>1</sup>-O-Ar<sup>2</sup>-, where Ar<sup>1</sup> and Ar<sup>2</sup> are independently arylene or heteroarylene;

R<sup>11</sup> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, substituted cycloalkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic, or R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>11</sup> are joined, together with the carbon and nitrogen atoms to which they are attached, to form a heterocyclic ring;

 $R^{12}$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, substituted cycloalkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclic,  $-C(O)R^d$ ,  $-C(NH)R^d$ ,  $-C(O)NR^cR^c$ ,  $-C(O)OR^d$ ,  $-C(NH)NR^cR^c$  and  $-R^a-Y-R^b-(Z)_x$ , or  $R^{11}$  and  $R^{12}$  are joined, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, to form a heterocyclic ring;

R<sup>13</sup> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen or -OR<sup>14</sup>;

R<sup>14</sup> is selected from hydrogen, -C(O)R<sup>d</sup> and a saccharide group;
each R<sup>a</sup> is independently selected from the group consisting of alkylene,
substituted alkylene, alkenylene, substituted alkenylene, alkynylene and substituted alkynylene;

each  $R^b$  is independently selected from the group consisting of a covalent bond, alkylene, substituted alkylene, alkenylene, substituted alkenylene, alkynylene and substituted alkynylene, provided  $R^b$  is not a covalent bond when Z is hydrogen;

each  $R^c$  is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, substituted cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkenyl, substituted cycloalkenyl, aryl, heterocyclic and  $-C(O)R^d$ ;

each R<sup>d</sup> is independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, substituted cycloalkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic;

Re is a saccharide group;

each R<sup>f</sup> is independently alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, substituted cycloalkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, or heterocyclic;

 $R^x \text{ is an N-linked amino saccharide or an N-linked heterocycle;} \\ X^1, X^2 \text{ and } X^3 \text{ are independently selected from hydrogen or chloro;} \\ \text{ each Y is independently selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur,} \\ -S-S-, -NR^c-, -S(O)-, -SO_2-, -NR^cC(O)-, -OSO_2-, -OC(O)-, -NR^cSO_2-, \\ -C(O)NR^c-, -C(O)O-, -SO_2NR^c-, -SO_2O-, -P(O)(OR^c)O-, -P(O)(OR^c)NR^c-, \\ -OP(O)(OR^c)O-, -OP(O)(OR^c)NR^c-, -OC(O)O-, -NR^cC(O)O-, -NR^cC(O)NR^c-, \\ -OC(O)NR^c-, -C(=O)-, \text{ and } -NR^cSO_2NR^c-; \\ \end{aligned}$ 

each Z is independently selected from hydrogen, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic;

n is 0, 1 or 2; and x is 1 or 2;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, stereoisomer, or prodrug thereof.

13. The pharmaceutical composition of Claim 1, wherein the glycopeptide antibiotic has formula II:

HO NH CI OH OH 
$$CH_3$$
  $CH_3$   $CH_3$   $CH_3$   $CH_3$ 

wherein:

R<sup>19</sup> is hydrogen;

 $R^{20} \text{ is } -R^a - Y - R^b - (Z)_x, \ R^f, -C(O)R^f, \text{ or } -C(O) - R^a - Y - R^b - (Z)_x; \text{ and}$   $R^a, \ Y, \ R^b, \ Z, \ x, \ R^f, \ R^3, \text{ and } \ R^5 \text{ are as defined in Claim 7;}$  or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, stereoisomer, or prodrug thereof.

- 14. A method of treating a mammal having a bacterial disease, the method comprising administering to the mammal a pharmaceutical composition of claim 1.
- 15. A method of treating a bacterial disease in a mammal, the method comprising administering to the mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a glycopeptide antibiotic in combination with a cyclodextrin.

- 16. A method for reducing tissue accumulation of a glycopeptide antibiotic when administered to a mammal, the method comprising administering the glycopeptide antibiotic to the mammal in a pharmaceutical composition comprising a cyclodextrin and a therapeutically effective amount of the glycopeptide antibiotic or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 17. A method for reducing nephrotoxicity produced by a glycopeptide antibiotic when administered to a mammal, the method comprising administering the glycopeptide antibiotic to the mammal in a pharmaceutical composition comprising a cyclodextrin and a therapeutically effective amount of the glycopeptide antibiotic or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 18. A method for reducing histamine release produced by a glycopeptide antibiotic when administered to a mammal, the method comprising administering the glycopeptide antibiotic to the mammal in a pharmaceutical composition comprising a cyclodextrin and a therapeutically effective amount of the glycopeptide antibiotic or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 19. A method for reducing vascular irritation produced by a glycopeptide antibiotic when administered to a mammal, the method comprising administering the glycopeptide antibiotic to the mammal in a pharmaceutical composition comprising a cyclodextrin and a therapeutically effective amount of the glycopeptide antibiotic or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.